

Vision Committee Prioritized Survey Questions

Community Character/Quality of Life

1. What maintains or creates the "rural" character of Salem (e.g. Stonewalls, Fields, Historical resources, Spacing of Houses)?
2. Should we have a "green" focus - e.g., investing in green energy, conservation design?

Infrastructure/services

1. How important are the following services to you (Very.... Not at all)?
2. How would you rate the quality of these services? (Excellent.... Needs improvement)

Library

Elementary/Middle School

High School

Road conditions

Snow removal

Ambulance Services

Fire Services

Police Services

Town Hall - Facility

Town Hall - Services (Town clerk, Tax collector, Tax Assessor)

Recreation services - Pre-school

Recreation services - Pre-teens and Teens

Recreation services - Adults

Youth Services excluding Recreation

Senior Services

Health Services

Visiting Nurse

3. There are facilities and services that Salem does not have. How high a priority would you give the following (High Priority.... Do not need):

Community Center

Senior Center

Communications (free wireless network)

Public transportation

Other/please specify

Government

1. How well does the current form of government serve your needs?
2. If it doesn't, why not, and what would you propose as an alternative form?

Growth/Economic Development

What type of growth would you like to see in Salem? (None, Residential, Business)

What kind of business would you like to see in town?

Education

1. How would you rate the quality of education (Too good.... Poor)
2. How would you rate the education budget (Too high ...Fair... Inadequate)

Finance

1. Should Salem spend only enough to provide essential services (keep the lights on), or should spending include some investment for the future?
2. How would you rate the Town budget (Too high ...Fair... Inadequate)

Housing

1. Should Salem actively promote housing choice and economic diversity in housing (multi-family, mixed-use, mixed income and low and moderate-income housing), or strive to remain primarily a community with above average, single family homes?

Natural Resources

1. We have X % protected open space. Is this ...too much ... adequate... not enough?
2. Should Salem leverage its water resources (aquifers) to support the town? and for what in return?

Regionalism

Current examples of regional solutions/co-operation include:

Salem Library

Salem students attend East Lyme HS

Eight-Mile River Authority

Sports

1. Regionalism be pursued (strongly agree ... only as a last resort)
2. Why should regional solutions be pursued? (Strongly agree.... only as a last resort):
 - To save money
 - To provide better service
 - When this is the only way to provide the service
 - When Salem has a service or a resource another town could use
 - To provide access to more diversity